

State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY
GOVERNOR

LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH

2007

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer is the leading cause of cancer death in both men and women in the United States and 5,150 deaths in the state of North Carolina; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, lung cancer takes the lives of more Americans each year than breast, prostate, colon, liver, and kidney cancers combined; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, former smokers and people who have never smoked comprise the majority of new cases of lung cancer each year with 5,480 new cases of lung cancer in the state of North Carolina each year; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, 70% of new lung cancer cases will be diagnosed at late stage with a 15% 5-year survival rate; and

WHEREAS, early lung cancer diagnosis and management protocols exist yet have not been embraced as the standard of care; and

WHEREAS, according to the American Cancer Society, funding for lung cancer research falls far short of that for other less fatal diseases;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2007, as "**LUNG CANCER AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina, and I urge all citizens of our State to do all they can to make lung cancer a national public health priority and offer compassion to people with lung cancer.



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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this fourth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand seven, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-second.